OVERSIGHT REPORT 2010/2011 FINANCIAL YEAR

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNT COMMITTEE REPORT (2010-2011)

INTRODUCTION:

In Terms of section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, a council must have an Oversight committee (MPAC) in this regard, to exercise oversight over the executive functions of the council and to ensure good governance in the municipality and strive for 2014 clean Audit. On the 25th of January 2012 council mandated the above committee to perform an oversight work over the annual report and come back to report to the council.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

As the committee we have the responsibility to interrogate the following as per our guidelines:

- Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure
- Unauthorised, Irregular or Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure
- Quarterly report from the Office of the mayor
- Monthly budget statements
- Midyear budget and performance assessment
- Disclosure concerning Councillors and Directors
- Submission and Auditing of financial statements
- Issues raised by Auditor General
- Submission of Annual report
- Audit Committee
- Performance Management Plan
- Monitoring that the Annual budget is informed by IDP
- Monitoring that all declaration of interest forms are completed by Councillors on an Annual basis

AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

In terms of the Auditor General's opinion we have received an unqualified report, which we believe as committee needs to be applauded and given high appreciation as it is an indication of a progressive step towards our intended goal of 2014 clean audit. However, so jubilant as the Committee should be, it is equally important to note that beyond the opinion there are areas of emphasy laid down by the Auditor General but be as it may, we are further greatful to inform this council that in response to the call by the Auditor General, there is a categorically clear action plan talking directly to the matters of emphasy as raised by Auditor General and the plan has satisfied us.

SUMMATIVE REPORT

According to the SDBIP 2010-2011 financial year ,which the Committee believe that is the contract signed by managers, the Committee learnt that there is a sound and good correspondence between the SDBIP and the report. All the targets were met as set and

where there are few and slight deviations, the Committee found reasons substantial and valid.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The executive summary clearly guided the Committee as to what is contained in the report. Everything in the report was supplied with satisfactory proof of evidence. The Committee had a serious concern over one issue raised which needed a clarity ,the issue of the assessment committee and got pleased by explanation given to them, which said that it is the committee that is set for a specific purpose at a specific time.

CORPORATE SERVICES

The office provided us with all the proof of evidence we requested from them and those proofs satisfied us as a committee.

BUDGET AND TREASURY

Once more the department has actually came to the committee and provided us with the necessary proof of evidence and answers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All the necessary documents to prove the report to be really true were supplied to us to our satisfactory and the report itself met the targets as stipulated in the SDBIP.

STRATEGIC AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

We are happy with the report as issues raised on the report were found to be true by the committee, but however, in the department we could not meet the officials from the office and as such there was no proof of evidence received.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

We are pleased with the report, however we felt it necessary to have some visits in the areas where there were slightly problems raised. The Committee visited the following projects ;

- Dikidikini Access Road at Ward 05
- Nozayi to Norhatshaza Access Road at Ward 04
- Makaula Access Road at Ward 27

DIKIDIKINI ACCESS ROAD,WARD 05 : At this project the issue is the complaint from the community in relation to the Informal agreement they had with the contractor, but what the Committee discovered, is a shortage of pipes on the road in certain areas.

NOZAYI TO NORHATSHAZA ACCESS ROAD : The Committee noted the shortage of pipes and insufficient supply of gravel.

Following suggestions from the Committee,

It was thereafter

RECOMMENDED

1) That monthly reports should also be accompanied by monthly plans.
2) That workshop on the policies should be conducted as they become a problem in certain areas.
3) That the committee Chairperson should have an Office with relevant resources due to the scope of the work that they have.
4) That the council should adopt the report as it meets most of the expectations with no reservations.
5) That management should strictly adhere to the Action Plan as per Auditor General's opinion.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the Committee expressed their sincere word of appreciation on the account of good cooperation that they received from the Head of Departments. However as the committee we wish to further express our sentiments in as far as this work is concerned, that, it was not easy but we managed thou. We further want to voice out that we are open for advice and assistance whenever the need arises.

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